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In Response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004, Applicants elect without traverse to have the invention of Group I, Claims 1-22, 28-34 and 39-44 examined. Please withdraw from consideration Claims 23-27, 35-38, which are drawn to the invention of Group II. Applicants reserve the right to seek examination of the invention of Group II in a divisional application.

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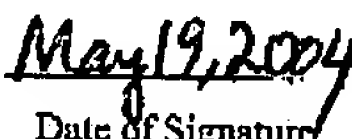
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